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Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-214212 discloses a structure of non-reciprocal circuit element which has a low insertion loss and wide operating frequency in a wide temperature range.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this document and make it of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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